GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
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URANIUM SEIZED IN GUWAHATI
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assam Police had seized one kilogram uranium from two youths in Guwahati on the night of April, 2005;

(b) if so, whether the packet seized therefrom contained the print of the Department of Atomic Energy, Shillong on it;

(c) if so, the manner in which they managed to get this packet;

(d) the States where Uranium Mining Projects have been undertaken by the Government, location-wise;

(e) whether mining of uranium was stopped during the 90s in Meghalaya;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):
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(a) Two Police personnel from Guwahati brought a packet weighing 850 gm to Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD) office at Shillong on 08.04.2005. A rapid assessment of the sample indicated that the uranium content was insignificant. The police personnel were asked to formally send the material for detailed analysis duly forwarded by the Superintendent of Police, which is yet to be received.

(b) Yes Sir. However it has not been printed by the Department and it does not belong to the Department.

(c) Not known.

(d) At present mining activities are carried out at Jaduguda, Bhatin, Narwapahar and Turamdih in Singhbhum (East) District of Jharkhand State.

(e) No uranium mining activity has been started till date in Meghalaya. However, only exploratory mining at Domiasiat uranium deposit, Meghalaya was carried by the Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD) during 1991-1992 to collect bulk samples for metallurgical studies.

(f) & (g) Does not arise.